

Dear FCC,

I am an XM subscriber in the home only. It offers a very nice variety of programming which is my wife and I chose to subscribe. While it offers a very broad selection of channels and content, most of them are of little interest to us and will never be listened to. Even though XM now offers traffic for my metropolitan area, I have not evened tuned in once. But it's nice to know it is available as a choice - which is what NAB's petition 04-160 wants to stifle. I don't see what the problem is. Competition is healthy.

I should also like to point out that several years ago there was an all traffic radio station in Los Angeles. While in the car I did use it - especially in between traffic reports on local area news channels such as KFWB or KNX (which are now both owned by a common parent). The all-traffic station could not cut it and finally went off air. Again, competition and market conditions prevailed and the people spoke.

Finally, with the continuing expansion of wireless capabilities, NAB members have even this competition to contend with.

In conclusion, competition works and I encourage that you reject NAB's petition 04-160.

Sincerely,

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